

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Steven P Sax

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment 6/21/04 and Examiner's amendment 9/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25-33 and 36-38.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

STEVEN SAX
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The amendment filed 6/21/04 has been entered.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. This was made to cancel out the non-allowable claims 21-24, 34, 35, and 39. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Crawford on 9/27/04.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the amendment filed 6/21/04 brings out the distinguishing features of closeting in a virtual closet the partial data sets as well as make clear that the articles are passed from different article providers, different from each other and the host site. The Examiner's amendment cancelled out the broader claims. Invention is a novel method for online viewing of articles via a host web site that is web-linkable to different article provider sites. The online viewer links to the host site and selects a structure and type of article. The hostsite is used to link to different article provider websites which each pass images

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of articles of the given type to the host site via the web. Partial data sets respectively corresponding to different ones of the passed images are closeted in a virtual closet. Then at the host site, a composite image is generated from the passed image and the structure, representing for viewing as a single object the structure modified with the article corresponding to the passed image. The prior art comes close in various aspects. Various methods exist to combine articles on a given model (Weaver, Fisher et al), but these articles (apparel for example) are all from the same provider. Websites such as Weddingchannel.com pass articles from different providers, but do not combine any images or form a composite image. In fact, images are not even handled on the same screen. The present invention, combining articles from a different provider to a different host site structure, with the virtual closet feature, in the context of the claims (25 amended – method, 36 amended – apparatus), are not set forth in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is 703-305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:00PM. As of October 20, the new telephone number will be **571-272-4072**.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. As of October 20, the new telephone number will be **571-272-4063**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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